कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक आयोग के लिए अध्यक्ष तथा सदस्यों के पदों के अतिरिक्त 73 पद संस्वीकृत किए गए हैं जबकि राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग को सौंपे गए कार्यों के निष्पादन के लिए अध्यक्ष, सदस्यों तथा सदस्य सचिव के पदों के अतिरिक्त 49 पद संस्वीकृत किए गए हैं।

सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक आयोग के लिए सचिव, संयुक्त सचिव, उप सचिव तथा अवर सचिव तथा राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग के मामले में संयुक्त सचिव तथा उप सचिव पदों के सम्मुख नियुक्तियां की है। अन्य पदों के लिए नियुक्तियां आयोगों द्वारा स्वयं की जाएगी।

मंत्रालय को जब कभी भी उपरोक्त आयोगों में से किसी से अतिरिक्त कर्मचारियों के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होता है, उसकी जांच की जाती है तथा आन्तरिक वित्त, वित्त मंत्रालय के साथ परामर्श करके निर्णय लिया जाता है।

Handicapped Children

3436. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visually handicapped children in the country, State-wise and the number of residential schools being run to accommodate and educate them;

(b) the number of teachers trained annually under the National Institute of Visually Handicapped (NIVH) Training Programme;

(c) whether Government have made any objective assessment of the progress made by the children suffering from certain mild handicaps in common schools through integrated education;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) According to Sample Survey Report 1991 carried out in 16 States, the estimated number of visually handicapped children in the country in the age group of 5—14 years was 2,32,927. The State-wise position is placed at statement-I (*see* below). There were 243 residential schools for education of the visually handicapped children as per survey conducted in 1990. A State-wise list is placed at statement-II (*see* below).

(b) About 150 teachers were trained in 6 Teacher's Training Centres of the National Institute of the Visually Handicapped in 1993-94. During the current year, 5 more centres have been started which would train 125 additional techers.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) An external evaluation of the Project Integrated Education for Disabled was commissioned by the Department of Education through UNICEF. In the first phase the study covered the states of Haryana, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Orissa and Delhi. The study is in progress in the states of Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Rajasthan.

(e) The study conducted so far revealed that the Disabled students other than mentally retarded had an achievement comparable with their non- disabled student on an average. The composite area approach was also recommended by the study for an extension of the Project Integrated Education for the Disabled Programme in the States.

Statement-I

Estimated number of Visually Disabled Children in 5-14 year on the basis of 279 / 1,00,000 prevalence rate of children in this age group in India.

1.	Andhra pradesh	21,867
2.	Assam	1,154
3.	Bihar	15,247
4.	Gujarat	4,010
5.	Haryana	1,222
6.	Himachal Pradesh	172
7.	Karnataka	7,103
8.	Kerlala	2,178
9.	Madhya Pradesh	14,840
10.	Maharashtra	14,600
11.	Orissa	5,845
12.	Punjab	1,385
13.	Rajasthan	4,875
14.	Tamil Nadu	1,310
15.	Uttar Pradesh	6,453
16.	West Bengal	11,903
	All India	2,32,927

Statement-II

Number of special Schools (State-wise)

Sl.No.	State / UTs	No. of Districts	No. of Special Schools (V.H.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23	18
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11	—
3.	Assam	18	5
4.	Bihar	41	15
5.	Goa	2	1
6.	Gujarat	20	25
7.	Haryana	12	3
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	14	4
10	Karnataka	21	12
11.	Kerala	14	11
12.	Madhya Pradesh	45	8
13.	Maharashtra	31	39
14.	Manipur	8	1
15.	Meghalaya	5	—
16.	Mizoram	4	1
17.	Nagaland	7	1
18.	Orissa	14	13
19.	Punjab	12	8
20.	Rajasthan	27	6
21.	Sikkim	4	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	21	30
23.	Tripura	3	2
24.	Uttar Pradesh	56	11
25.	West Bengal	17	19
	Total 'A'	442	234
B.	UNION TERRITORIES		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	2	—
2.	Chandigarh	1	1
3.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1	—
4.	Delhi	1	8
5.	Diu & Daman	2	—
6.	Lakshadweep	1	—
7.	Pondicherry	4	—
	Grand Total Total 'B'	12	9

Special component plans for scheduled castes / Scheduled tribes

3437. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have been selected for special component plan for Scheduled Castes and Tribal sub-plan for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) how many of such plans are in operation in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) what are the criteria for selecting these areas for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Twenty one States and three Union Territories viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Delhi and Pondicherry are formulating and implementing their Special Component Plans for Scheduled Castes and eighteen States and two Union Territories viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Daman & Diu are formulating and implementing their Tribal Sub-Plan for Scheduled Tribes.

(b) In Uttar Pradesh the sectors under Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes are Agriculture & Allied schemes, Rural Development, Irrigation & flood control, Energy, Industries & Mining, Transport and Social Services and in Madhya Pradesh the sectors are Agriculture & Allied schemes, Rural Development, Irrigation & Flood Control, Energy, Industries & Mining, Transport, Science Technology & Environment, General economic services, Social Services and General Services.

The Tribal Sub-Plan strategy is being implemented through Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPS), Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) Pockets, Clusters of tribal concentration and through micro projects for Primitive Tribal